THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMET OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA) : (a) and (b) As per norms for opening Kendriya Vidyalaya under Project Sector, the sponsoring authority is required to provide 100% staff quarters. So far as Defence Sector is concerned sponsoring authority is required to provide 50% staff quarters initially till Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangthan constructs its own staff quarters.

[Translation]

Potable Water

5684. SHRI VIRENDRA KUMAR SINGH : Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether any reports have been received regarding flouride and other poisonous material in potable water;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and district-wise;

(c) the percentage of persons getting pure potable water in the country and the percentage out of the total potable water having salinity;

(d) whether the Government contamplate of launch a comprehensive scheme or set up any mission for supplying pure potable water; and

(e) by when potable water is likely to be made available to all people ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA) : (a) and (b) In order to assess the problem of rural drinking water supply in term of quantity and quality a Nation-wide survey was carried out during 1991-93 and the validation study was conducted during May-July, 1994.

As per the information received from the States, there are 28005 fluoride, 29557 brackish, 2700 arsenic and 71576 excess iron affected habitations in the country. Details are given in the enclosed statement.

(c) Up to 1.4.1997, 84.91% rural population (based on 1991 census) has already been covered. However 29557 habitations are effected by salinity.

(d) The quality problem of drinking water is tackled under the following sub-mission :-

- Sub-Mission on Control of Fluorosis
- Sub-Mission on Control of Brackishness
- Sub-Mission on Removal of Excess Arsenic
- Sub-Mission on Removal of excess Iron
- Sub-Mission on Conservation of Water and recharging of Ground wates aquifers.
- Sub-Mission on Eradication of Guineaworm

State Governments are also utilising the funds under State Sector Minimum Needs Programme (MNP) and the assistance provided by Government of India under the Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP) for tackling the quality problem of drinking water.

The project proposal received from the State Governments on the above sub-mission are supported by the Union Government on cost sharing basis of 75 : 25 (GOI & State Government).

(e) The State Governments have been requested to prepare Action Plan for coverage of safe drinking water supply to all the habitations having water quality problem by 2002 AD.

Statement

No. of Habitations Affected with

S. No.	State Name	Fluoride	Arsenic	Salinity	Iron
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	Andhra Pradesh	2858	–	3977	441
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	–	–	–	–
3.	Assam	–	–	–	–
4.	Bihar	12	–	–	18669
5.	Goa	–	–	–	569
6.	Gujarat	2400	–	1000	–
7.	Haryana	350	–	–	–
8.	Himachal Pradesh	488	–	106	450
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	–	–	–	–
10.	Karnataka	860	–	769	274
11.	Kerala	287	–	26	422

1	2	3	4	5	6
12.	Madhya Pradesh	201	–	87	1928
13.	Maharashtra	39	–	–	–
14.	Manipur	–	–	–	157
15.	Meghalaya	33	–	–	1267
16.	Mizoram	–	–	–	52
17.	Nagaland	–	–	–	–
18.	Orissa	1138	–	304	42835
19.	Punjab	1113	–	5087	–
20.	Rajasthan	16560	–	14475	440
21.	Sikkim	–	–	–	–
22.	Tamil Nadu	527	–	300	173
23.	Tripura	–	–	–	–
24.	Uttar Pradesh	1072	–	3426	3720
25.	West Bengal	21	2700	–	179
26.	A & N Island	–	–	–	–
27.	Daman & Diu	–	–	–	–
28.	Lakshadweep	–	–	–	–
29.	Pondicherry	–	–	–	–
30.	Delhi	46	–	–	–
31.	D & N Haveli	–	–	–	–
32.	Chandigarh	–	–	–	–
	Total	28005	2700	29557	71576

(–) = Means Data not received from the States/UTs.

[English]

Restriction on Indian Brain Drain

5685. SHRI RAMESHWAR PATIDAR : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are considering to put restriction on Indian Brain Drain in view of economic reforms leading to requirement of large number of professionals to start and expand Indian industries; and

(b) if so, the details of the strategy being finalised in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA) : (a) and (b) There is no proposal to put restriction on Indian Techinical Personnel going abroad. In the present situation of global interdependence, interaction of institutions in one country with institutions and academics in another country is not only inevitable but desirable. Government have, however, taken steps to ensure the retention of scientific and technical talent in the country which include increase in Science and Technology outlays, creation of new scientific departments/organisations, delegation of enhanced administrative and financial powers to Science, Technology Institutions and temporary placement of scientists and technologists under the scientists pool etc.

[Translation]

Medical Colleges

5686. SHRI LAKSHMAN SINGH : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the policy being adopted by the Government to set up more medical colleges in the country;

(b) whether the Government have received any requests from the West Bengal Government for opening of Medical colleges in the State during the Eighth Five Year Plan period;

(c) if so, the details thereof, and

(d) the reaction of the Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA) : (a) State Government/Union Territories, Autonomous bodies promoted by Central/State Governments/ Universities, registered societies and Public Trusts are eligible to set up a Medical College.

(b) No application has been received from the West Bengal Government under Section 10 (A) of the Indian Medical Council (Amendment) Act, 1983, to set up a new Medical College.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.